

AMHERST Massachusetts

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STATUS REPORT OF STUDIES FUNDED SINCE 2005 May 2012 ~ <u>REVISED</u>

This summary lists only those study projects funded through Town Meeting appropriations (operating budgets, capital budgets, or Community Preservation Act funds), and does not include study projects funded entirely through state or CDBG grants.

GENERAL

- Amherst Historic Preservation Plan (FY04 CPA, \$20,000)
- > COMPLETED in 2005. Plan for preserving the community's historic resources.

HISTORIC COMMONS

- South Amherst Common Historical Boundary Research & Survey (FY05 capital budget, \$10,000)
- > COMPLETED May 2006.
- East Village Common Historical Research & Survey (FY06 CPA, \$20,000)
- > COMPLETED May 2007. \$10,000 remaining (see NHR District Nominations, below).

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

- Town Hall Masonry Study (FY06 CPA, \$50,000)
- > COMPLETED. Engineering and materials study to restore historic exterior masonry.
- Dickinson Museum Landscape Design Study (FY06 CPA, \$15,000)
- > COMPLETED.
- West Cemetery Entrance Survey & Design (\$5,000)
- > COMPLETED.
- West Cemetery Town Tomb Engineering Study (FY08 CPA, \$5,000)
- > UNDERWAY. CME Associates, Inc. doing a structural assessment and developing bid specifications.

HOUSING

- Rolling Green Expiring Use Study (FY11 CPA, \$25,000)
- ➤ UNDERWAY. RFQ completed, consultant solicitations to begin May 1. Housing Studies (cont.)
- Hawthorne House Feasibility Study (FY12 CPA, \$10,000 hist. pres. + \$10,000 housing)

 > UNDERWAY. Consultants selected, contract signed, work begun.
- Prospective Housing Market Study (FY12 capital budget, \$40,000)
- > UNDERWAY. Draft RFP developed to coordinate with CDBG Affordable Housing Needs Assessment (Production Plan). Consultant proposals to be solicited mid-May.

NHR DISTRICT NOMINATIONS & OTHER SURVEYS/STUDIES

- **> UNDERWAY.** Several projects being contracted at once. A preservation planning team from the PVPC selected and a contract pending. Work will begin July 1 and take 6-9 months.
- North & South Cemetery Inventory/Condition Survey (FY07 CPA, \$10,000)
- East Village Common Historical Research (FY06 CPA, \$10,000)
- East Village NHR District Expansion (FY07 CPA, \$10,000)
- Bay Road Corridor & Outlying Historic Buildings NHR Corridor District (FY08 CPA, \$10,000)
- Expanding Dickinson NHR District & New Amherst Depot District (FY10 CPA, \$10,000)
- Historic Barns/Outbuildings Survey (FY10 CPA, \$15,000)

OTHER HISTORIC PROJECTS

- Historic Resource Inventory Update & Expansion (FY08 CPA, \$20,000 MHC grant match)
- ➤ **PENDING.** The Town continues to apply to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for Survey & Planning grant funds.
- West Cemetery Landscaping (FY10 CPA, \$20,000)
- > UNDERWAY. During the past two planting seasons, the Historical Commission has worked to plan for and plant historically-accurate plant materials in the oldest sections of West Cemetery. Future actions include developing design for additional plantings, pathways, and seating in the historic African-American section.
- Civil War Tablets-Cleaning/conservation/engineering/design (FY10 CPA, \$65,000)
- > PARTIALLY COMPLETED/UNDERWAY. Conservation, cleaning, and secure crating of Amherst's historic Civil War tablets completed. Historical Commission examining Town Hall sites. Remaining funds (\$40,700) would pay for an engineering study of proposed tablet installation sites, design, and construction of appropriate display enclosures and interpretive materials.
- Historic Preservation Restrictions and Appraisals (FY07 & FY08 CPA, \$20,000)
- ➤ **PENDING.** \$3,150 used for appraisals (Hills lots, Hawthorne house). As with similar funds for conservation purpose, these funds were appropriated to allow the Town to conduct appraisals, surveys, site analyses, or other actions between Town Meeting which will lead to acquisition of historic preservation restrictions on critical historic properties.

Total funding (Historic & Housing only) \$400,000 120,000 Completed (30%) 240,000 Underway (60%) 40,000 Pending (10%)

OTHER TOWN STUDIES

- Town-Wide GIS Mapping & Flood Area Analysis (FY12, capital budget, \$100,000)
- > UNDERWAY. AECOM (consultants) selected for Phase I mapping, field study, and analysis (\$15,000) to closely define the parameters of the flood area analysis.
- Sewer Extension Master Plan Update (FY12, capital budget, \$4.2 million)
- > PARTIALLY COMPLETED/UNDERWAY. Select Board (Sewer Commissioners) approved Plan and Town Meeting appropriated funds for sewer extensions in the Harkness Road and Wildflower Drive areas in the next 2 years.
- After School Program Evaluation & Recommendations (FY12 Elementary School Operating Budget & LSSE Revolving Fund, \$40,000)
- > COMPLETED. Study by National Institute on Out-of School Time at Wellesley College funded by Town and Amherst Public Schools. Town Manager and Superintendent have endorsed Town/School Partnership proposal for Out-of-School Time Programs at the 3 elementary schools in the Town budget to the April 30, 2012 Town Meeting.